Winter 2026

Recycle Review

A Look Back at 2025

In 2025, the consolidation of the Surplus Property and Missouri State Recycling Programs formed a unified Surplus and Recycling Program dedicated to reducing waste, saving money, and promoting sustainability. The program advanced these goals through community outreach, recognition, and new partnerships. Read on to discover the biggest achievements of the past year.

Outreach Events

Earth Day/Zero Waste Challenge (April 2025)

Partnering with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the program hosted the 15th Annual Zero Waste Challenge at the Capitol. Volunteers guided visitors in sorting waste, resulting in **over 190 pounds** of waste kept from the landfill and an **8% increase** in the diversion rate. The event also featured interactive sorting games and displays of recycled state materials.

COLLECTION TOTALS

40 lbs. of recyclables

76 lbs. of food waste composted

25% less waste than 2024 (due to DNR's efforts in encouraging reusable water bottles and a free water station).

Bring Your Kid to Work Day (June 2025)

The program engaged families at this event with a display of recycled materials including printer cartridges and shredded Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) uniforms, as well as an interactive game to teach kids about proper sorting and recycling.

America Recycles Day (November 2025)

An information table was hosted in the Harry S Truman State Office Building to raise awareness, answer questions, and encourage team members to sign the Missouri Recycling Pledge, reinforcing the commitment to responsible resource management across the state.

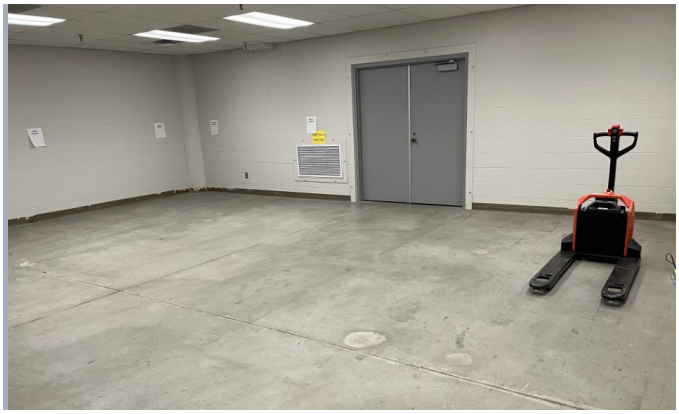
Partnerships

In 2025, the Surplus and Recycling Program focused on strengthening inter-agency partnerships across Missouri to maximize resource utilization and efficiency.

Print Room Cleanout Success

In the spring of 2025, the Surplus and Recycling Program completed its work with the Office of Administration-Information Technology Services Division (OA-ITSD) on a massive cleanout of the ITSD Print Room. By prioritizing redistribution and resale over disposal, the project successfully diverted more than 17,000 pounds of material from landfills and generated over $6,500 from the items sold via GovDeals.

BEFORE



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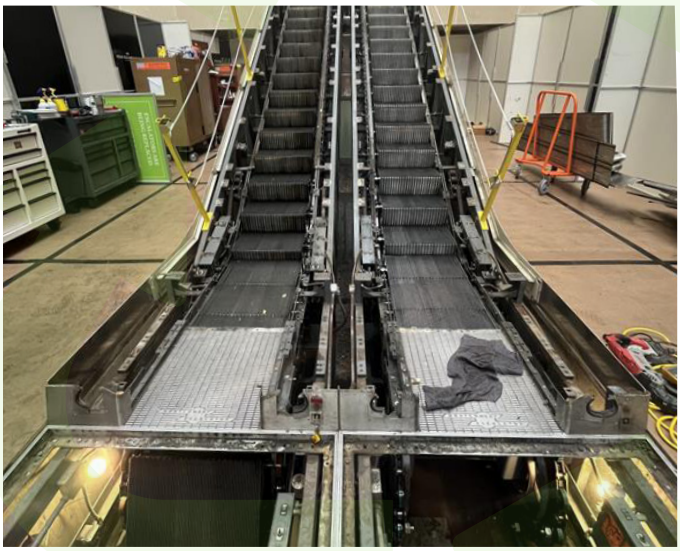
Uniform Recycling Project

MSHP and Gateway Industries of Eldon (a sheltered workshop in Eldon, Mo.) have partnered to transform shredded, non-reusable law enforcement uniforms into archery targets and door draft shields. This collaboration, supported by the Surplus and Recycling Program, diverts textile waste from landfills, provides high-quality equipment for archery programs, and creates vocational opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Escalator/Elevator Revamp

The Surplus and Recycling Program also started working with OA's Facilities Management, Design and Construction Division (FMDC) on a multi-year renovation of the Harry S Truman State Office Building's elevator and escalator systems. This partnership promotes sustainability by recycling construction materials, with operations ongoing into 2026.

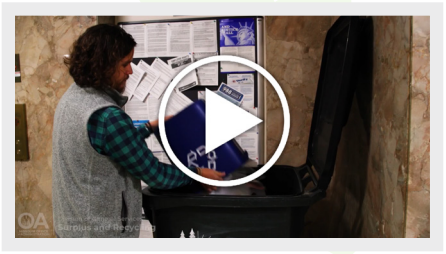


Recognition

2025 Recycling Champion Awards!

The Surplus and Recycling Program proudly recognized State employees and agencies who demonstrated exceptional dedication to waste reduction, recycling, and environmental stewardship throughout the year. Be sure to watch all of our videos to learn more about each of our 2025 Recycling Champions.

Individual Recycling Champion:
Chris Moreland
Department of Social Services



Missouri State Recycling Program
2025 Recycling Team Champion
"Warehouse Warriors"
Tim Kempker, Ashley Mazza, Dennis Eggen, Sam Combs, Brody Kohl, Rob Didriksen
Office of Administration
Division of Facilities Management, Design and Construction
Division of General Services
Surplus and Recycling

Team Recycling Champion:
"Warehouse Warriors"
OA-FMDC

Recycling Changemaker:
"To Shred and Protect"
Missouri State Highway Patrol

The Surplus and Recycling Program is expanding through collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to sustainability. Our success is driven by our dedicated State team members. Your efforts enable us to recycle thousands of pounds of material daily, transforming everyday actions into lasting environmental and financial benefits for the State of Missouri. We are excited to see what 2026 will bring. Happy recycling!

HOLIDAY LIGHT COLLECTION!

NOW - END OF JANUARY

Don't toss those tangled lights!
If you have a box of broken or old holiday lights, don't let them end up in a landfill.

Click or scan the QR code to find a drop-off location for recycling and help us keep our environment bright!

We want to see your fun recycling photos! To have your photos featured in one of our future newsletters, please send them to recycling@oa.mo.gov.

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